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The Person Who Is Never Willing to Forgive Others Always Expects the Neighbors to Be Ready to Forgive His Own Mean Tricks

BANK ACCOUNT OF \$4600 ISSUE IN COURT CASE

Suit Brought by Executors of R. M. Houghton Estate

MAURER CLAIMS MONEY

Local Attorney Insists Deposit Was Joint Account and Belongs to Survivor.

Trial was begun today in county court of the suit brought by Houghton, Rice and Fred Bugbee, executors of the estate of the late Richard Houghton against the Bennington county savings bank and Charles A. Maurer.

The suit is brought by the executors of the estate to obtain possession of a savings account amounting to \$4600. The account was originally deposited by William E. Hawks and was turned over by him to the late Richard Houghton as part payment for real estate now owned by Mr. Hawks on School street.

The bank book was among the personal effects of the late Mr. Houghton. Some time previous to his death Mr. Houghton had executed an order making the account payable to himself or to Charles A. Maurer, or the survivors of either of the persons named.

When the executors of the estate called upon the bank to deliver the account the bank officials called attention to the order and declined to comply, inasmuch as there was another claimant in the person of Mr. Maurer. The bank takes the position that there must be a court order establishing the ownership of the account before the money can be released.

The executors make the claim that Mr. Maurer was the agent of the late Mr. Houghton. Mr. Maurer claims that the deposit was a joint account. Henry Chase appears for the plaintiffs and Batchelder & Bates for the defendants.

Only a short time was taken in securing the following jury: Jerome Hill of Sunderland, Elmer Brownson of Arlington, Eros D. Hicks of Pownal, Ira N. Mattison of Glenshire, R. B. Gleason and Harry Beebe of Manchester, R. L. Jepson of Stamford, Arthur Brophy and Charles A. Wade of Dorset, Arthur Perkins of Shaftsbury and A. J. Johnson of Readsboro.

At 6:30 Wednesday evening the jury in the case of F. B. Pope vs. Catherine Hogan brought in a verdict exonerating the defendant as a trespasser. The trial of the case was begun Monday and was an ejection suit brought by the plaintiff to secure possession of a small house on Park street which he had purchased of the heirs of the late Patrick Hogan. Mr. Pope was given a verdict when the case was first tried at the December term in 1916. This verdict was reversed and the case remained for a second trial.

KING GEORGE MAY COME

Reports of Intended Visit to U. S. Is Denied.

London, Dec. 12.—The reports that King George contemplates a visit to the United States are denied here.

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BOY SMOTHERED UNDER PILE OF GROUND SLATE

Harold Wetmore Loses Life in Castleton Mill

NO ONE SAW ACCIDENT

It Is Supposed That the Boy Lost His Balance and Fell into the Bin.

Hydeville, Dec. 11.—Harold, 16 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Wetmore of this town, met a terrible death today at the plant of the Stano Milling company in Castleton, where he was employed, when he was smothered in a rock bin under the crushed rock as it came from the grinder. There was no eye-witness to the accident and it is impossible to determine how the boy got into the bin.

Young Wetmore was at work near the rock bin and was missed about 4:30 o'clock this afternoon. Search for him was immediately started but the body was not found until 10 o'clock tonight when it was discovered buried in the ground slate which the company manufactures for use in the production of roofing and for other purposes.

It is supposed that the boy lost his balance and fell into the bin and that the ground slate which was pouring in from the crushing machine, bore him down and made his escape impossible.

Besides his parents, he leaves three sisters, Oleta, Ida and Mary, a brother, Clifford, and three half-sisters, Agnes, Mabel and Esther Wetmore. He was a member of the Hydeville Boy Scouts.

The Slacker.

After God made the rattlesnake the toad and the vampire, he had some substance left with which he made the slacker. He is a two-legged animal with cork-screw heart, a water baked brain and a combination backbone of jelly and glue. Where other people have hearts he carries a tumor of selfish principles. When the slacker comes down the street, honest men turn their backs and the angels of heaven weep; the devil shuts the gates of hell to keep him out.

No man has a right to be a slacker as long as there is a pool of water deep enough to drown his body in, or a rope long enough to hang his carcass with. Judas Iscariot was a kenteen compared with the slacker. After betraying his Master he had enough character left, but the slacker has not. Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage. Judas Iscariot sold his Savior for thirty pieces of silver; Benedict Arnold sold his country for the promise of an officer's commission in the English army; the modern slacker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children and his fellow countrymen on account of having a white liver, cold feet and a yellow streak combined.—Col. N. A. Burritt, of Oakdale, Cal., formerly of Bennington, Vt.

GENERAL STRIKE IN CUBA

It Is Result of I. W. W. and Enemy Propaganda

Washington, Dec. 12.—State department information today is that the general strike in Cuba is the result of I. W. W. and enemy propaganda. The report said order is being maintained.

HER FOUR SONS ARE WOUNDED IN WAR WITH HUNS

Remarkable Record of Mrs. Margaret Larin of Bennington

THREE ARE RECOVERING

No Definite Information Regarding Fourth Boy Reported Severely Wounded on October 2.

Four sons in the war against the Huns and all four of them wounded is the unusual record of Mrs. Margaret Larin of Park street. Three of her boys are now in army hospitals of the United States, two in France and one on this side of the Atlantic, and the fourth and oldest is in Paris, Canada, waiting the time when the surgeons will have more time to devote to the reparation of his injury, the loss of his lower left jaw.

Definite information has been received by the mother regarding two of the boys who entered the service of the United States. Francis, Alfred and Joseph Larin, 47th infantry, was wounded in the shoulder on July 16 and is now at the Camp Dix hospital. Recent letters state that he is making good progress toward recovery and is receiving the best of care.

John H. Larin of company D, 39th infantry, better known here in Bennington as "Onnie" Larin, is in a hospital in France recovering from a wound received on October 6. A bullet from a German rifle fractured one of his lower jaws. A letter received by his sister stated that he was able to be about the hospital. Surgeons had assured him that his face would not be much disfigured by the wound.

The last of the four to be wounded is George Eugene Larin, company M, of the 39th infantry. His mother has received the customary telegram from the adjutant general stating that Private George E. Larin had been severely wounded in action on October 2 and that further particulars would be sent as soon as received. The knowledge that he had been wounded was a source of relief to Mrs. Larin as she had not heard from the boy since August and had begun to believe that he had either been killed or was a prisoner.

Joseph Napoleon Larin, Mrs. Larin's oldest son, who was at one time employed at the Holden, Leonard company's woolen mill, went to France with the second contingent from Canada and while in the trenches in August, 1914, was severely wounded in the face by shrapnel.

Mrs. Larin's service record is not restricted to four sons. Her brother, Frank Mulligan, has been in the United States army for 33 years. He is mess sergeant and although over sixty years of age has been over and has done his bit in France. He returned to this country some time ago.

Should fate so kindly will that all eventually recover from their injuries there is going to be a remarkable reunion at the Larin home in this village in the not far distant future. It will be composed of four battle-scarred sons and a brother, daughters and grandchildren and it will be a happy gathering.

INTERESTING MEETING OF D. A. R.

Britain Day Program at Root Home—stead on South Street.

On Monday, December 9, Madame Root and Mrs. W. A. Root entertained the Daughters of the American Revolution.

The new regent Mrs. A. J. Holden gave an interesting account of the state meeting of the D. A. R. which she attended last week in Burlington. The exercises of the afternoon were appropriate for Britain Day. Articles were read referring to our relation with Great Britain. "Britannia Rules the Sea" was sung by a quartette composed of Mrs. J. M. Ayres, Mrs. C. L. Holden, Mrs. Amy Baker and Mrs. W. J. Meagher and Mrs. Baker sang two solos, "The Americans Come" and "Marching Through Persia," which were appropriate to the time and a pleasing addition to the program.

A letter was read from past regent Miss Jennie A. Valentine who is now in Washington and after a social half hour the meeting adjourned.

RUSSIAN GENERALS SHOT

Act Is Done by Order of Soviet at Prapagorsk.

Stockholm, Dec. 12.—General Ruzski and Dimitreff, of the Russian army have been shot by order of the local Soviet at Prapagorsk, according to an official Ukrainian statement from Petrograd.

Worth Attention of Women

When you feel too tired to work, when dark puffs appear under your eyes, when you wake up weary, with backache or joints in sides and loins, when muscles and bones ache, when you suffer rheumatic twinges, when limbo puts you down, then you know the kidneys are weakened or disordered. Mrs. T. J. Bucknoll, Route 1, Hardy, Neb., writes "I am recovering from an attack of lumbago, by the aid of Foley Kidney Pills. They surely have helped me." Sold Everywhere.

THE BE SQUARE CLUB

Athlete Association Formed by Upper Classes of Graded School.

The Be Square is the unique name chosen by the girls' athletic association formed by the classes from the three upper grades of the graded school, and represents the sentiment for which they intend their club to stand, and that is Fair Play.

The first meeting of the association was held at library hall Tuesday afternoon, with Miss Delia Jacobson, supervisor of the Public Welfare Association, in charge. An election of officers was the first business of the meeting, and incidentally the girls had their first experience with parliamentary practice, for the meeting was conducted according to rules. The following officers were elected: President, Edith Barrett, eighth grade, room 20; vice-president, Edith Palmer, seventh grade, room 16; secretary, Helen McBride, seventh grade, room 17; chairman of committee on letters, Irene Rousseau, eighth grade, room 16. Club colors, purple and gold.

The committee on letters will make the award to the members of the individual teams who are chosen for the first or representative team and this award is in the form of a letter which is worn as a badge on the arm of each member of the first team. A place on the first team is a distinction to be desired, and constitutes an incentive to every girl in the association to do her best work that she may gain the coveted letter on the sleeve of her blouse.

The activities of the club will cover basketball, volleyball, indoor baseball, but and ball games of various sorts during the winter months, the all sorts of outdoor sports when the weather makes them possible. Captains will be chosen by the separate groups during the coming week as they meet for work at the hall.

A separate athletic association will be formed by the high school girls who will meet with Miss Jacobson at the hall Thursday evening at seven o'clock.

DWINELL AWARDS

STATE HOUSE PLACES

Fred Cressy of Brattleboro and R. S. Kimball of St. Albans Are Doorkeepers of House.

Montpelier, Dec. 11.—Dwight Dwinell, a sergeant at arms, has announced the following legislative appointments for the session of 1919. The salaries are the same as last session:

Doorkeepers: House—Fred Cressy, Brattleboro; R. S. Kimball, St. Albans; Senate—S. W. Drake, Wheelock; W. E. Wortley, Washington.

Pages and messengers: George R. Bristol, Middlebury; Giosse B. Bentley, Sendover; Cyrus D. Eastman, Groton; Loyd Batchelder, Greensboro; Kenneth C. Weld, Herkshire; Dean Goodell, Albany; Junior Bryant, Springfield; Robert S. Butters, Brandon; Rion F. Humphrey, Burke; Yale Farr, Charlotte.

Postmaster: Henry A. Roles, Weybridge.

Countroom attendants: Jack P. Mason, Burlington; L. R. Kelley, Montpelier.

Deputy sergeant-at-arms: Grover C. Templeton, Montpelier.

Executive messenger: Francis B. Shaw, Rutland.

W. R. C. ELECTION

Officers for Ensuing Year Chosen Monday Evening.

At a recent meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps the following were elected as officers for the ensuing year:

President, Mrs. Estella Corbett; senior vice president, Mrs. Elizabeth Houran; junior vice president, Mrs. Eva Scarey; treasurer, Miss Jessie Brown; chaplain, Mrs. Elizabeth Morse; conductor, Mrs. Laura Lambert; guard, Mrs. Nellie Hollister; first delegate, Mrs. Hattie Stewart; second delegate, Mrs. Josephine Thompson; third delegate, Mrs. Elizabeth Houran; first alternate, Mrs. Florence Lyons; second alternate, Mrs. Eva Scarey; third alternate, Mrs. Minnie Wright.

The appointed officers will be announced later.

PAYS IMPERIAL REVENUES

Former Emperor Authorizes Second Son to Represent Him.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—German imperial revenues for December, it is reported from Berlin, have been paid to all the former royal personages remaining in Germany who are entitled to them. The Vossische Zeitung says the former emperor has authorized his second son, Elitel Frederick, to represent him in all matters concerning the former imperial house.

FAVORS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Dorchester, England, Wednesday.—"The League of Nations is the solution of the question of 'freedom of seas' and great Britain and the United States can reach a complete agreement on that question by joining such a league," declared Viscount Grey, former foreign secretary, in a speech tonight.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont fair tonight and Friday. Colder tonight in north portion.

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KEEP RAILWAYS FOR FIVE YEARS McADOO ADVISES

Believes That the Only Fair Solution of Problem

WILSON AGREES WITH IT

It Would Take Railroad Question Out of Politics for Present and Give Fair Test.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Extension of the period of government control of railroads for five years, until January 1, 1924, was recommended to Congress tonight in a letter by Director General McAdoo. Advantages of this, Mr. McAdoo said, are that it would take the railroad question out of politics for the present, give time for carrying out an extensive program of improvements and provide opportunity for a fair test of unified control to indicate the permanent solution of the railroad situation.

"The President has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter," Mr. McAdoo concluded.

The letter was addressed to Senator Smith of South Carolina and Representative Sims, chairman, respectively, of the Senate and House interstate commerce committee. Mr. McAdoo explained that to continue government operations for 21 months after formal declaration of peace under present conditions, would mean disruption of morale among employees and officers, and could not enable the government to go ahead with improvements and purchase of equipment. Another alternative, the prompt return of the railroads to private control, without legislation to permit elimination of the old wasteful competition, would be "harmful" alike to the public interest and to the railroads themselves," he said, "and the difficulty of obtaining immediate legislation providing a permanent solution, is apparent."

"There is one, and only one, mind only one, practicable and wise alternative," Mr. McAdoo continued, "and that is to extend the period of federal control from one year and nine months provided by the present law, to five years, or until the first day of January, 1924."

"This extension would take the railroad question out of politics for a reasonable period. It would give composure to railroad officers and employees. It would admit of the preparation and carrying out of a comprehensive program of improvements of the railroads and their terminal facilities which would immensely increase the efficiency of the transportation machine. It would give back of the railroads the credit of the United States during the five-year period so that the financing of these improvements could be successfully carried out. It would offer the necessary opportunity under proper conditions to test the value of unified control and the experience thus gained would of itself indicate the permanent solution of the railroad problem."

"The American people have a right to this test. They should not be denied it. It is to their interest that it should be done. In my opinion it is the only practicable and reasonable method of determining the right solution of this grave economic problem."

DR. SOLF RESIGNS

His Relations With Ebert Cabinet Somewhat Strained.

Berlin, Wednesday.—Dr. Solf, minister of foreign affairs, has resigned. His resignation has been accepted by the cabinet. His retirement is not surprising as his relations with the Ebert-Haase cabinet reached the straining point some time ago.

ADVANCE GUARDS AT BONN

British Take Possession of Bridge Over the Rhine.

London, Dec. 12.—The British advance guards have entered Bonn on the left bank of the Rhine fifteen miles southeast of Cologne, and have taken possession of the bridge over the Rhine.

COMMISSION AT BERLIN

First American Officer to Arrive Since Armistice.

Berlin, Wednesday.—Brigadier-General Harries and two lieutenants of the American commission for repatriation of war prisoners, reached Berlin last night. They were the first American officers to arrive here since the armistice signing.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank the kind friends and neighbors who assisted us during our recent bereavement. Mrs. Howard Russell, Mrs. Mary Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Russell, Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clements, Charles A. Russell.

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SAYS AMERICA WILL ASK FOR NO INDEMNITY

Sec. Daniels Also Says No Territory Is Demanded

DAY OF ISOLATION PAST

America Must Concern Itself With Problems That Touch Every Portion of World.

Baltimore, Dec. 11.—Secretary Daniels, addressing the Southern Commercial Congress here today, said the American representatives at the Peace Conference would "ask nothing in the way of territory or indemnity" and would "insist upon such provisions in the treaty as will give to small nations the same rights that greater nations will enjoy and the elimination of any measures that may produce irritation and make possible another war."

"The day of isolation in the United States has passed for good or ill," said Mr. Daniels, "and I profoundly believe it is for good. This Republic must concern itself with every problem that touches the peoples of every portion of the world."

"The Monroe Doctrine will always abide as our pillar of cloud by day and our pillar of fire by night. But our interests, while closer and to be made still more intimate and cordial with other American republics, must embrace the welfare of men in every clime and under every sky. The Peace Council soon to meet in Paris will deal with questions that affect every part of the world."

EBERT TAKES FIRM ATTITUDE

Due to Support He Receives from Prussian Guards.

London, Dec. 12.—In consequence of the support he is receiving from the Prussian Guards, newly arrived in Berlin, Premier Ebert is taking a stiffer attitude toward the Spartacus group, says a Copenhagen correspondent of the London papers.

OFFICIAL VISIT IN PARIS TO BE ONLY 48 HOURS

President Wilson May Stay Longer, However

CITY PREPARES WELCOME

President Will Visit Devastated Districts in France and May Cross Border Into Germany.

Paris, Dec. 12.—The length of President Wilsons "official" visit in Paris, has been fixed at forty-eight hours, according to the Matin. The remainder of his stay here will not be marked by any state ceremony.

Brest, Thursday noon.—Brest has put on its holiday attire and is eagerly awaiting the arrival of President Wilson tomorrow. The American Naval establishment here got into direct wireless touch with the presidential fleet which is now not far off the coast. The weather which the fleet is experiencing is favorable to its quick progress.

The President, it is announced will visit devastated districts in France, and although the President's plans are tentative, all depending upon his personal wishes, the trip may take him into former German territory. Visits to Metz and Strasbourg are extremely probable.

President Wilson will take luncheon with the President of France on Saturday soon after his arrival. The plans for Sunday have not yet been made known. On Monday the President will hold a reception in the Paris City Hall, to which a host of officials have been invited.

A hundred invitations or more for the President to visit places in France and the allied countries are being received daily. Naturally these are being held pending the coming of France's distinguished guests.

It is thought hardly likely that the President will attend a great number of functions in Paris, as he will unquestionably need all the time possible to attend to the urgent business that brings him to Europe.

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